

like Mother Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

We know our struggle against racism is a lifelong pursuit. As Mother Parks wrote: "Freedom fighters never retire."

Her memory continues to guide us.

I will add that freedom fighters never die.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this effort, and I am proud to have the opportunity to serve the incredible people of the 13 District Strong in our fight for equity and justice.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this effort.

CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, this week, we welcomed the Year of the Tiger with the first day of Lunar New Year.

Lunar New Year is an important holiday celebrated by many East and Southeast Asian countries. It is also celebrated widely by many Asian-American communities here in the United States, including our Orange County community in California.

As we reflect on our blessings this new year, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a voice for our Asian-American community in Congress.

Madam Speaker, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, which symbolizes courage and bravery.

With the new year comes a new beginning and the hope of better days ahead. I hope that this year brings everyone strength, prosperity, and happiness.

(English translation of the statement made in Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Japanese is as follows:)

"Happy new year."

Korean: "saehae bok mani badeuseyo"

Mandarin: "Xīnnián kuàilè"

Vietnamese: "Chúc Mừng Năm Mới"

Japanese: "Akemashite omedetō"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

PRIORITIZING EL PASO, TEXAS

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of representing El Paso, Texas, a critical hub for commerce and trade with one of the busiest land ports of entry in the country.

Today, I am proud to have voted for the passage of the America COMPETES Act to strengthen supply chains, U.S. competitiveness, and create good-paying STEM jobs at home. It will build on policies championed by congressional Democrats and President Biden that

have led to a historic year of job creation, as shown in today's jobs report.

The bill includes my amendments to address many El Paso priorities on local job creation, addressing the climate crisis, and optimizing our ports of entry.

One of my amendments creates a mandatory set-aside specifically for small businesses, the backbone of our local economy, to move into the solar component manufacturing sector.

Additionally, I included amendments that respond to the climate crisis by ensuring that we reduce deforestation and carbon dioxide emissions in developing nations and allow environmental defenders to assist in developing our climate-resilient strategy.

My amendments also address the needs of our ports of entry, El Paso's major artery for trade and commerce.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to have also addressed inflation.

PENALIZING NUCLEAR FAMILIES

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, as we go on recess for a couple of days, I want to call, one more time, attention to Robert Rector's article in The Heritage Foundation talking about the one group in America that is genuinely discriminated against: the hardworking middle class with a nuclear family with a dad.

As Rector points out, changes made in the Build Back Better Act, particularly a lot more money for low-income housing, will create up to a \$14,000 penalty that nuclear families will face when the husband and wife get married as opposed to a single family.

This is true, and this does not include other things such as, for example, Pell grants. I know the Democrat Party wants to give free college to illegal immigrants, whereas if you are a child with a mom and dad at home working, Madam Speaker, you have to go deeply in debt.

I strongly want people in this institution to focus on the nuclear family, a sizeable segment of the population, and stop discriminating against them. Give them the same things that the more favored classes get.

REMEMBERING LULAMAE CLEMONS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Lulamae Clemons, a champion for social justice and a longtime Riverside community activist.

I knew Lulamae in the 1980s when I was getting involved in the Greater Riverside Urban League. To this day, I remember her graceful yet determined presence and her efforts to advance racial equality in our community.

Lulamae was a true pioneer. She devoted herself to her community and was persistent in her fight for quality education and fairer housing.

As the first Black administrator hired by the Riverside Office of Education and vice president of the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Lulamae empowered minorities and broke barriers.

Lulamae understood the preciousness of civil rights, equality, and opportunity for all.

To the family of Lulamae Clemons and all those who knew, loved, and respected her, I offer my deepest condolences. Her legacy will continue to live on.

HONORING TYLER BALDWIN, A WEST VIRGINIAN HOMETOWN HERO

(Mr. MOONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I stand before you to share a story of West Virginia's Second Congressional District's own hometown hero, Tyler Baldwin.

Tyler Baldwin is a 17-year-old young man from Newville, West Virginia, who risked his own life to rush into his neighbor's burning home.

On the morning of November 29, 2021, Tyler was going through his daily routine of getting ready for school, and he noticed his neighbor's house was on fire.

He knew his neighbor had mobility issues. Without hesitation, Tyler sprinted into the blaze and smoke and helped his neighbor escape. Tyler was treated for minor injuries, and the homeowner was shaken up but okay.

It is an honor for my staff and me to present Tyler with a formal letter of gratitude and a Congressional Certificate of Recognition at a ceremony put together by his school. I want to thank him for selflessly putting others first and congratulate him on being an upstanding citizen in his community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. EVA WILLIAMS

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a distinguished community member of the Massachusetts Seventh, Ms. Eva Williams.

Born and raised in Boston, Ms. Williams learned the value of hard work and determination at an early age. She embodied resilience and a love for her family and community, and she never let the challenges of life prevent her from following her own dreams.

Ms. Williams worked over 20 years as a bus operator for the MBTA. After retiring, she enjoyed spending more time with her children and grandchildren.

With a heart for traveling and love for interior decorating, Ms. Williams was the kind of person anyone would want to spend time with. She was a caring mother and loving grandmother, and her transition is a deep and profound loss for her family and our community.

Ms. Williams will be truly missed. May she rest in peace and power.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, the America COMPETES Act is about creating jobs and spurring innovation all across our country. It is about recognizing that America can't compete if it leaves communities behind and that we need to get all of our best players on the field if we are going to win economically.

Today's bill includes a pilot version of my RECOMPETE Act, which would provide some flexible, long-term support to empower communities that have struggled so that they can grow jobs and strengthen their economies. For some communities, that may mean investments in workforce development; for others, broadband; for some, support for entrepreneurs.

I grew up on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State, and now I am proud to represent it. We have amazing assets and outstanding people, but there is a real concern in some communities that their town's main export may be young people, as prospects for the future often seem brighter somewhere else.

But with today's vote, we are saying that we don't believe in leaving communities behind. We are saying that people should have economic opportunity regardless of what ZIP Code they live in, and we are saying that we can't wait.

RECHARGING IN LAS VEGAS

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, a recent United Nations report confirmed that climate change represents nothing less than a code red for humanity.

We know the largest contributor to emissions is transportation, and that is why efforts to decarbonize this sector are so important if we are serious about fighting climate change.

Modernizing our transportation sector and moving toward a clean energy future means building electric vehicle infrastructure, something that the new law does with the first-ever Federal investments in a national EV charging network.

In Nevada, this will bring over \$38 million to build EV stations throughout the State, helping us to have a higher percentage of electric vehicles

on the road, reduce our emissions, and address climate change.

People often come to Las Vegas to recharge, and now, thanks to the infrastructure law, they will be able to do it in other ways and in other places.

RECOGNIZING HOPE THAT BINDS

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hope That Binds, a ministry based out of Cunningham, Kentucky, that supports west Kentucky families by providing critical adoption resources.

Hope That Binds is an outstanding regional leader when it comes to helping families pursuing adoption through financial assistance and counseling.

I am proud of my constituents, Wendy Davis-Wilson, Jeff and Benita Davis, Brooke Kelly, and Gracie Reynolds, for their significant contributions to this great organization.

Adoption provides a home for needy children as well as an opportunity to raise a child for hopeful parents. Belonging to a family is a natural and vital component of life, and every child deserves a loving and nurturing home.

Hope That Binds' commitment to the gift and treasure of adoption is heartwarming and a great example of giving back to the less vulnerable.

February 7 to 11 is a week of celebration and awareness for this wonderful nonprofit, and I am proud to recognize them for their incredible work. On behalf of my constituents, I congratulate Hope That Binds for supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

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ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, before we begin, I actually want to yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT).

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISTAN KROGIUS

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Tristan Krogus, father of our former House colleague, Mimi Walters.

Tris passed away peacefully on December 30, 2021. He was born in Tammerfors, Finland, and emigrated to New York with his family in 1939 as a refugee from the Russian invasion of Finland.

Tris attended the University of New Mexico on an NROTC scholarship and served as a marine officer from 1954 to 1960. In 1952, he and the love of his life, Barbara Brophy, eloped. After Tris left

the Marine Corps, he began a business career in California.

Tris rose to become president of Hunt-Wesson, Frozen and Refrigerated Foods, and later president of Dalgety Limited's U.S. food division. In 1987, he retired as president and CEO of Teneco West and, after retiring, Tris earned a law degree in 1990 and was admitted to the California bar.

Tris was an active member of his community. He was past board president and CEO of the South Coast Medical Center in Laguna Beach and was a director of many nonprofit organizations.

Tris is survived by his wife of 69 years, Barbara; their six children and their spouses; 19 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Tris will be remembered for the extraordinary example that he set for his life.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, we all get behind these microphones on occasion and we want to share something. And tonight, I am going to try to stay on a theme. I am going to try to walk through one of my intense frustrations around here that we keep making public policy.

Let's be honest. We just passed—the Democrats, I don't think a single Republican voted for it—a \$350 billion bill that originally was labeled as America COMPETES Act. But if you look at the math in it and the spending in it, it is functionally, hey, let's give lots of money to our special interests who actually support them politically.

So here's the theme. If I came to any Member of Congress, any one of our staff, anyone out there listening in the public and said, What makes people poor? Seriously. What makes our brothers and sisters who are working poor poor?

And you get these discussions, Oh, we don't tax rich people enough and transfer their wealth, or we don't do this, or we don't do that. And it turns out, when you actually look at the math, almost none of those things are actually true.

It is complicated. So we have been doing a project for almost a year in our office, of trying to understand what is different. So we held a hearing recently, on health disparities. Guess what?

There really are health disparities between certain urban minority populations, my Tribal communities in the Southwest. But why?

Also, take a look. There is crime, crime differential. When someone steals your stuff or breaks your bones, you're not able to go to work, you're not able to accumulate.

You actually start to look at all these things that are societal factors. You open up the border, you are competing against others with similar skill sets, labor sets.

And my argument is, over this last 12 months of unified leftist, unified Democrat control of government, we are just crushing people. We are crushing